

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Goggin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Ron Fleming, John Goggin, Tom Gressman, Heidi Jungwirth, Joe LaDuca and Ed Scott.

Excused: Pete Crumpacker

Staff: Jason Freeman

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2019

No action.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. TROLLEY STOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Trolley stops and type of stops were mapped out and displayed on the dais. He stated that Type 1 trolley stops (\$12,000.00 each) were larger and included a bench and Type 3 stops were smaller and included a bench with a back and a roof over the structure. He indicated that Type 1 trolley stops would be located at Bay Beach, Santini Plaza, Gulf Street, Publix/Newton Park, Connecticut, Bay Oaks, Times Square and Bowditch. The remaining locations would become Type 3 trolley stops. Consensus was reached to incorporate digital signage and the safe haven concept to the existing structure.

Type 1 trolley stops were prioritized as follows: Bay Oaks Turnaround, Publix/Newton Park, Santini, Times Square as part of the redesign and Bay Beach. The second tier included Connecticut and Gulf.

We are still waiting for a response from Lee County regarding procuring digital signage. Fire/EMS and the Sheriff would have to still be contacted regarding the safe haven concept.

VII. CROSSWALK RECOMMENDATIONS – to be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. BICYCLES

A. Bicycle Rental Enforcement Update/Speed

Manager O'Riley provided the attorney's response. Discussion was held regarding posting speed limits for bicycles and enforcement issues. Consensus was reached to post a 7-mph speed limit on sidewalks. Discussion was held regarding electric scooters.

Chair Goggin stated that they did not support adding language to bicycle rental contracts and they agreed with requiring lights on during the day. He will contact the Town Attorney for clarification on issues.

B. Ordinance 95-05 and 18-13 Modifications

Ordinance 95-05 included a 15-mph speed limit on all vehicles on all town-owned streets, including bicycles. Manager O'Riley requested clarification from the Town Attorney.

Chair Goggin encouraged members to submit comments to Manager O'Riley regarding the FDOT brochures.

IX. LIGHTING STUDY UPDATE – no update.

X. SIDEWALKS AND STREET RAILINGS

Chair Goggin distributed the 30% plan for sidewalks on Crescent, 3rd, 5th and 1st St. Mr. Freeman explained private property encroachments and parking modifications. Discussion was held regarding lights between sidewalks, the crosswalk in the middle of the block on Crescent, add a crosswalk from Matanzas Inn to parking under the bridge and curb cuts and curb returns. Mr. Freeman stated that he would obtain curb specifications. Discussion continued regarding plans for the base of the bridge including adding a crosswalk, parallel parking on Fifth, parking at Smokin Oyster Brewery, signage to restrict parking for compact cars only, gaps between sidewalks in certain areas by the bridge and visibility for a left-hand turn.

XI. MEMBER'S ITEMS

Mr. Gressman stated he was confirmed as the Citizen's Advisory Council with the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the first meeting was August 1, 2019.

Ms. Jungwirth suggesting speaking with Bay Oaks regarding safe havens. Chair Goggin stated that they would have an opportunity to meet with the new design team in the near future.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

•Rick Sprole, owner of Sundeck Inn at Crescent and 3rd St., stated that the proposed sidewalk would encroach on their property and be too close to guest windows and within five feet of doors. He noted that it was a public safety issue and would require them to give up their private property. He would like to see 3rd as a true one-way street and he distributed a handout illustrating his proposal. Ms. Jungwirth suggested making 2nd St. a true one way as well.

•Leon Moyer questioned whether the sidewalks were six feet wide. Mr. Freeman replied that it depended on the location of the sidewalk and the darker shade indicated seven-foot sidewalks. He

questioned whether they needed safe havens since everyone had access to free phones. He did not support advertising signs and he questioned why the town was involved with County bus stops and shelters. He noted the town had an app that provided a lot of digital information and he agreed with the proposed speed limit.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - TBD

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

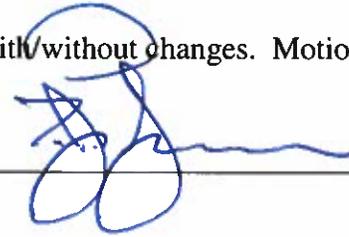
MOTION: Mr. Gressman moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Jungwirth

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Adopted August 20, 2019 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 4-0 Signature: _____



THOMAS GRESSMAN

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